



Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2018

Room 326, City/County Building

12:00 p.m.

Mission: The CAC exists to provide citizen input into the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Curt Chisholm called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members present: Curt Chisholm (Chair), Gary Mihelish, Gene Prendergast, Jonathan Jackson, Kiley Gage, Marshall Gingery, Mike Mahoney, Ruthie Hill, Teresa Charlton, and Tom Cordingley.

Members excused: Judy Rolfe, Abigail J. St. Lawrence, Kim Leighton, Moffie Funk, Dennis Taylor, SK Rossi, John Wilkinson, and Theresa Ortega.

Members absent: Greg Strizich, Michelle Marshal, Quentin Johnson, and Ray Paige.

Others in attendance: Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, Carolyn Belling, John Lytle, Kellie McBride, and Gloria Soja.

Note: Quorum not established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the June 29 and July 27, 2018 meetings could not be approved because there was no quorum.

3. Discussion on CAC Priorities

Curt Chisholm gave the group a historical overview of the Citizens Advisory Council and reviewed the priorities originally set: pretrial services, specialty courts, mental health (including crisis intervention training for all officers, mental health provider in the jail, and partnering with the Department of Corrections on offender reentry), jail standards, and early prevention/intervention.

4. Dashboard Update on Criminal Justice Services – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride provided a written update which she reviewed with the Council (see document attached to these minutes).

Ms. McBride reported that the CJCC had voted unanimously to support the selection of the Justice Management Institute as the firm to conduct the data systems analysis. This recommendation will go before the County Commission on September 11, 2018.

Ms. McBride confirmed that for the first year, early intervention was contracted with the

United Way to do a landscape analysis and to see where the greatest impact can be had with system involved families. The year one focus is data collection. Gloria Soja will send a copy of the contract to the Council.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen shared that the County was in the process of purchasing the 406 building, with a target of late fall for moving into the new facility. The remodel of the jail remains months away.

5. Discussion on Membership

The Council discussed the inability to achieve a quorum at the last three meetings and whether the Council should be reduced to 15 members.

6. Recommendation for Statistical Analysis

The Council discussed the weekly jail statistics report that the Criminal Justice Services program sends out. Gloria Soja shared two anecdotal stories of client success in the Pretrial Services Program. The Council requests more anecdotal success stories and that Criminal Justice Services begin to review the cost of the Pretrial Services Program versus the cost of remaining in jail.

7. Additional Member Comment

Ruthie Hill expressed that the detention officers need support and that she was coordinating an effort around that.

Gary Mihelish requested that the Council look into the possibility of establishing a Mental Health Court. Mr. Mihelish recommended the book *A Court of Refuge: Stories from the Bench of America's First Mental Health Court*, by Ginger Lerner-Ren and Rebecca A. Eckland. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen suggested that a formal recommendation from the Council, in writing, and including specifics, to the CJCC and the Commission would be the place to start. Kellie McBride reminded the Council that this item fits in the Criminal Justice Services strategic plan.

8. Public Comment

No public comment received.

9. Next Meeting: September 28, 2018

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes approved 9/28/18.